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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

The Applicant has received the Official Action dated May 18, 2005. Amendments to the claims are provided herewith on the enclosed pages in accordance with the current requirements of C.F.R. § 1.121 marked *** VERSION SHOWING CHANGES MADE ***.